

Welcome to



Dallas County



Dallas County, Missouri offers the best of both worlds — a rural and small-town flavor, yet near Springfield, one of Missouri's major cities. The community is rich in history and culture. The county offers a friendly atmosphere, wide open spaces, outdoor living, a relatively low cost of living and low taxes. County residents are proud of their deep-rooted values, which are reflected in the abundance of churches and outstanding schools in the area.

Dallas County was originally organized as the county of Niangua on January 29, 1841. The word Niangua is from an old Indian phrase meaning "I won't go away." Because this name was somewhat difficult to pronounce and spell, on December 10, 1844 the name was changed to Dallas County in honor of the Vice-President of the United States at that time, George M. Dallas, Vice-President to President James Knox Polk.

- Dallas County, situated in the southwest central part of the State of Missouri, on the northern slope of the Ozark Mountain Range, is bordered on the north by Hickory and Camden Counties, on the east by Laclede, on the south by Webster and Greene,

and on the west by Polk and Hickory Counties. It has an area of 543 square miles, or 347,520 acres. The county's population is 17,341 people, which is up from 16,723 in 2010. Buffalo is the county seat and the county's largest city, with more than 3,300 residents. Urbana is the second-largest city with a population of about 391.

Because of the four-lane highway, Dallas County is convenient to Springfield — less than 30 minutes from Buffalo and of course much closer for those in the southern part of the county. This, it is felt, has lead to more growth and economic development in the county, and helps those Dallas Countians who work in Springfield get to their destinations faster.

Additionally, in recent years a third lane was completed on U.S. 65 through the city and north to the new Mo. 73 bypass. The 73 bypass was completed in 2009, and all of these road construction projects are opening new economic opportunities for Dallas County.

In 2017 an organization called the Economic Development Group in January added an executive director

to lead efforts to bring more businesses and people into the county. Buffalo also has a municipal airport under modification. Last year, the Durham Company of Lebanon opened their new factory in Buffalo and added 50 new jobs to the community.

About 75 to 80 percent of Dallas County residents live in the country, where they fully can enjoy the area's outdoor living and activities. Agriculture is the county's largest industry, with beef and dairy cattle dominating the agricultural scene. There is also a bison herd growing in numbers on the Kropf's Ozark Organics farm.

Dallas County is a mecca for hunters and anglers. Deer and turkey are the most prominent game, and there are many rivers and streams in which to fish. Bennett Spring State Park features trout fishing and camping activities, and the Niangua River is a popular destination for those interested in canoeing and other boating activities. Pomme de Terre Lake is less than 10 miles west from the northwestern Dallas-Hickory County line. Many other tourist areas and attractions are less than an hour away.

Emergency Call 911

When you have an emergency that requires the response of police, medical or fire personnel, call 911.

Follow the directions of the telecommunicator. Let the telecommunicator end the call.

An emergency call is defined as a call that:

- requires the attention of the police where there is a degree of urgency;
- requires the attention of emergency medical services;
- requires the attention of the fire department's emergency equipment.
- It is imperative that only bona fide emergency calls be handled on the 911 lines because the 911 telephone network has a limited number of phone lines.
- Trying up these lines with the nonemergency calls could result in real emergency calls being blocked.
- Since calls are recieved and answered automatically in the order of arrival, nonemergency calls in the 911
- file result in the delay of answering legitimate emergency calls.
- Call utility companies about power outages. The utility companies that service this area are Liberty Electric, • Southwest Electric and Laclede Electric.
- For day to day nonemergency calls that require the assistance of public safety personnel, call the Dallas • County 911 nonemergency line at (417)-345-1999, ext. 1

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Welcome to Buffalo



Buffalo, the seat of Dallas County, was founded in 1841 on Buffalo Head Prairie. Subsequently, the town was named for a buffalo skull landmark erected in 1833 by Samuel Grigsby, who apparently was just passing through the area. The landmark was about where Shewmaker Auto Parts is today, near the junction of U.S. 65 and Mo. 32. One of the first settlers was Mark Reynolds.

In Oct., 1863, Gen. Joseph O. Shelby's Confederates burned the courthouse and raiders burned the Methodist Church in July, 1864, then used as a courthouse. A pro-Union county, Dallas suffered numerous guerrilla raids. In 1882, a vein of fuller's earth, one of the first discovered in U. S., was found near Buffalo and worked briefly.

Today, Buffalo is a thriving community of more than 3,300 residents and is the hub of Dallas County commerce. It is the largest city on U.S. 65 between Springfield and Sedalia, a distance of 115 miles, and is just 30 miles from Springfield and 75 miles from Branson.

The Dallas County Courthouse and Annex are on the town square in the area

of Maple and Main streets. Buffalo High School, Buffalo Prairie Middle School, D.A. Mallory Elementary School and a preschool are located in the city limits.

In July 2010 the Missouri Department of Transportation completed a four-lane highway (U.S. 65) from I-44 in Springfield to Buffalo. To prepare for growth, the city in 2006 completed construction of a 400,000-gallon water tower and well near South Locust Street. A new water tower to replace the old downtown tower was finished in 2020.

In April 2006, residents overwhelmingly passed a \$3.7 million bond issue to expand the wastewater plant in order to handle future population growth. That project was completed in 2009. In 2010, Buffalo's wastewater plant was named Wastewater Plant of the Year by the Missouri Rural Water Association.

In September 2009, a one-half mile connecting road was completed from U.S. 65 to Mo. 73 in north Buffalo. The connecting road now routes large semi trucks around the edge of Buffalo instead of bringing them through the town square on Mo. 73. Aside from the safety issue, community leaders expect the new corridor to spur economic growth in the area.

Emergency Numbers • • • • •

Fire Departments

Buffalo City Fire and Rescue	
Fire Chief Greg Cunningham	(417) 345-7800
Buffalo Rural Fire Department	
Fire Chief Bobby Carver	(417) 345-7843
Bennett Spring Fire Protection District	(417) 588-9833
Fire Chief John Hoskins	(417) 532-0257
Conway Fire Department	(417) 589-2800
Fire Chief Fred Savage	(417) 322-9883
Eldridge Fire Department	(417) 426-5234
Elkland Fire Department	(417) 468-2222
Fire Chief Sammy Parrott	(417) 241-2767
Fair Grove Fire Protection District	(417) 759-7908
Halfway Fire Department	(417) 445-2575
Central Hickory County Fire Department	(660) 223-6005
Lebanon City Fire Department	
Fire Chief Sam Schneider	(417) 532-2104
Lebanon Rural Fire Department	
Fire Chief Phillip Pitts	(417) 288-8548
Long Lane Fire Department	(417) 345-5978
Fire Chief Ed Caselman	
Louisburg Fire Department	
Fire Chief Mike Barclay (.....	417) 752-3700
Pittsburg Fire Department	
Fire Chief Doug Anderson	(417) 399-9600
Pleasant Hope Fire Department	(417) 267-2009
Polk Rural Fire Department	(417) 777-0980
Fire Chief Larry Moore	(417) 253-4626
Prairie Grove Fire Department	
Fire Chief Herman Hostetler	(417) 327-7720
Preston Fire Department (.....	417) 722-8200
Fire Chief Larry Snyder	(417) 327-2360
Southern Dallas County Fire Protection District ..	(417) 345-6060
Fire Chief Dave Moore	(417) 241-4112
Southwest Fire Protection District (Macks Creek)	
Fire Chief Mike Hufferd	(573) 363-5995
Tunas Fire Department	
Fire Chief Jerry Leap	(417) 993-2111
Urbana Fire Department	
Fire Chief Larry Senyard (.....	417) 993-4643
Windyville Fire Department	
Fire Chief Mike Barclay	(417) 752-3700

Sheriffs' Offices

Dallas County	(417) 345-2441
Camden County	(573) 346-2243
Greene County	(417) 868-4040
Hickory County	(417) 745-6415
Laclede County	(417) 532-2311
Polk County	(417) 777-9020
Webster County	(417) 859-2247
Dispatch	(417) 859-3911

City Police Departments

Buffalo	(417) 345-2709
Bolivar	(417) 326-5298
Conway	(417) 589-4357
Fair Grove	(417) 759-6482
Lebanon (.....	417) 532-3131
Marshfield	(417) 468-4402
Pleasant Hope	(417) 267-5027
Urbana	(417) 993-5191

Adult Probation and Juvenile Offices

Adult Probation Office	(417) 345-4091
Juvenile Office	(417) 345-6772

Missouri State Highway Patrol

Troop D — Springfield	(417) 895-6868
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Emergency Medical Services

Dallas County	911
Mercy EMS — Camden County	(573) 346-1026
Mercy EMS — Laclede County	(417) 532-2311
Mercy EMS — Regional EMS Office	(417) 820-5454
CMH EMS — Hickory and Polk counties	(417) 326-6000

Emergency Management

Dallas County	(417) 383-5051
Camden County	(573) 346-7108
Greene County	(417) 869-6040
Hickory County	(417) 745-6415
Laclede County (.....	417) 532-6992
Polk County	(417) 326-6610
Webster County	(417) 859-7959

Nonemergency requests for public safety services

(not life- or property-threatening incidents)

Dallas County Central Dispatch	(417) 345-1999, ext. 1
Controlled burn reports	(417) 345-1999, ext. 1

Administrative Numbers

Dallas County	911
Addressing/Administration	(417) 345-1999, ext. 2
Dispatch Supervisor	(417) 345-1999, ext. 3
Director	(417) 345-1999, ext. 4



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Buffalo is a community recognized by the Missouri Community Betterment Association

Buffalo was given the prestigious Community of the Year award two consecutive years. The Missouri Community Betterment Association (MCB) is a statewide organization whose goal is to promote and support all Missouri communities through advocacy, partnership, marketing and resources. About 70 Missouri communities around the state are currently members of MCB. Buffalo is the only community in the organization's 60 year history to win the award two years in a row.

Buffalo was chosen for Community of the Year based on their outstanding demonstration of community planning and collaboration. Strategic planning brought city, county, economic development, legislative, academic and civic leaders together to identify central community goals, and leveraged their joint efforts to move forward in the same direction.

"This recognition is a tremendous honor for Buffalo and the many community leaders and volunteers who have worked hard to keep moving this community forward. To receive this recognition two years in a row is really a testament to the vision and continued work that is being done here in this community," said Hollie Elliott, executive director of the Dallas County Economic Development Group who accepted the award on the community's behalf.

Buffalo highlighted the cultural "shift" which has been occurring in the community over the last three years. This movement of the needle was primarily evidenced by the passing of a bond issue to build a new Career and Technical Center for the Dallas County R-1 School System, as well as a county tax levy to support services, both in the same early 2019



Pictured are the participants of the Leadership Buffalo 2026 class, from left to right, back row: Hayley Chapman, Jessica Davis, Lukas Stitt, Beverly Sanderson, Alex Vastine, Tina Jones, Lisle Berry, Andrea Gann; front row: Marcia Shepard.

election. Dr. Tim Ryan, superintendent of schools — Dallas County R-1 stated, "This was the first bond issue to be passed in Dallas County in 20 years."

One of the outstanding programs highlighted was the Leadership Buffalo program, which was created on the belief that the community, just as any business or organization, requires strong leadership to improve and grow. Leadership Buffalo aims to identify current and emerging

leaders throughout the community, enhance their leadership skills and deepen their knowledge of the community's opportunities and challenges. Upon reviewing the projects, judges were impressed by the level of collaboration between stakeholders, and the effectiveness with which they are moving forward together. They cited "impressive" community focus, impact and support as the reasons for choosing Buffalo to receive this award above all others.

Chamber marks *50th year* promoting local business, development



Same Woods,
OakStar Bank — president



Mary Richardson,
Coaching for Success —
Vice President



Cheryl Eversole,
Dallas County Health Department —
Treasurer

The Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce has a variety of events and functions to promote economic development in the area. The Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce's mission is to advance the commercial, industrial and civic interests of Buffalo and the surrounding trade area. It also is a source of information to local residents and visitors by responding to requests for information about the community. The chamber facilitates for many groups that strive to improve the community.

The Chamber works to assure progressive development in order to maintain a good climate for an expanding economy and healthy community.

The Chamber Ambassador Committee is designed to represent the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce and support the Mission of the Chamber. Chamber Ambassadors help promote general membership services and enhance goodwill for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce and its members in the community.

Members of the Chamber Ambassador Committee serve as the Chamber's public relations team by supporting Chamber functions and are very active and visible within the Chamber and the business community. Ambassadors will also serve as a link between The Chamber board, staff, and the general membership.

Membership in the Chamber Ambassadors Club is open to all Chamber members.

Monthly membership luncheon meetings are the first Wednesday of each month at noon.

LOCATION: 119 S. Maple St.,
Suite 105,
in downtown Buffalo.

MAIL TO: P.O. Box 258,
Buffalo, MO 65622,

PHONE #: (417) 345-2852.

WEB: buffaloareachamber.org.

Chamber member activities throughout the year include the following:

- Student Leadership Breakfast and Senior Scholarship, first Wednesday in April.
- Annual chamber banquet in April.
- Chamber Golf Tournament
- Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival and Highland Games, weekend after Labor Day.
- Christmas parade, second Saturday in December.
- "Shop Local" campaign

These are annual events; various other activities occur throughout the year.

All businesses in Buffalo and surrounding area should belong to the chamber.

Investor benefits include the following:

- Referrals – As an investor in the Chamber, member businesses become our first recommendation for local service inquiries, boosting your credibility and exposure.
- Web Connection – The Chamber maintains a website listing members with links to their business sites.



Amanda Torbet, Serenity Solutions, LLC —
Secretary



Tanya Watson,
Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce —
Executive Director

Investors also receive free access to Locable, a tool that allows members to share events, stories, and updates while connecting with other local businesses.

- **Business Promotion** – The Chamber promotes businesses through grand openings, ribbon cuttings, member appreciation events, sponsorships, and more.
- **Maps** – City, county, state, and regional maps are available at the Chamber office.
- **Advertising** – Chamber members have access to a variety of advertising opportunities, including event sponsorships, the Dallas County Community Guide, and special promotions. The Chamber also manages the sign at U.S. 65 and MO 32. To reserve the sign, contact the Chamber office.
- **Calendar of Events** – The Chamber provides a Dallas County events calendar for those interested in local activities.
- **Demographics** – The Chamber offers area demographic information useful for business planning, expansion, and startup decisions.

The chamber added a branch in 2017 for a women's professional development group. Each month on the last Wednesday the group meets at 8 a.m. at Espresso Company No. 825 for business skills instruction. The group goes by the name DIVAS: Dedicated women striving for Integrity, Virtue, Achieving their goals and Supporting one another. There is no cost, and it is for all women — chamber membership is not required. The DIVAS contribute to a Giving Circle through the Community Foundation of the Ozarks — Dallas County affiliate, where monies deposited will go out in grants to meet the needs of local women.



Chamber Membership

NAME	PHONE	NAME	PHONE
ABC Motors	(417) 345-1000	Buffalo Livestock Market.....	(417) 345-8122
Advantage Home Care.....	(417) 641-0900	Buffalo Prairie Center for Rehab and Healthcare	(417) 345-5422
American Business Systems.....	(417) 866-5083	Buffalo Reflex (Phillips Media Group).....	(417) 345-2224
American Family Insurance, Jessica Nyberg and Associates, LLC.....	(417) 345-6129	Buffalo Storage LLC	(417) 770-7753
American Legion Post 19 Creek-Ferguson-Cheek.....	(417) 599-9638	Cantlon Otterness & Viets Funeral Home	(417) 345-2211
Andrea Gann Insurance Brokerage.....	(417) 612-3535	Central States Insurance Specialists.....	(417) 733-1247
Asset Marketing Consultants Inc	(417) 799-1693	Chapman's Furniture	(417) 345-2127
BDADCO LC.....	(417) 345-7788	Citizens Memorial Hospital	(417) 328-6318
Bison Store It.....	(417) 345-7457	City Of Fair Grove.....	(417) 759-2353
BTC Bank Buffalo.....	(417) 345-2113	Coaching for Success.....	(816) 872-8239
Buffalo Area Business Networking Group (BABNG)...	(417) 733-0735	Colonial Springs Healthcare Center.....	(417) 345-2228
Buffalo Eye Clinic	(417) 345-2901	Country Folk Flea Market	(417) 345-7778

Chamber Membership

NAME	PHONE	NAME	PHONE
Dallas County 911	(417) 345-1999	Ozark Organics	(417) 345-4300
Dallas County Economic Development Group	(417) 345-2701	Ozark Poultry Co LLC	(417) 733-2509
Dallas County Farmers Exchange - MFA	(417) 345-2121	Ozarks Community Health Center	(417) 993-1002
Dallas County Health Department	(417) 345-2332	Ozarks Regional YMCA	(417) 345-1116
Dallas County Jail Hotel	(417) 839-2701	Paul, David DDS	(417) 345-7415
Dallas County Library	(417) 345-2647	Polished & Pampered	(417) 770-5266
Dallas County R1 Schools	(417) 345-2222	Precise Freight Audit LLC	(417) 881-5284
Dream Valley Golf Course	(417) 345-4653	Production Products MFG & Sales Co. Inc.	(417) 345-1725
Faith Christian Church DOC	(417) 838-0936	Redd's Constrution	(417) 445-2565
Garrett Engineering	(417) 327-9809	R&L Envirocare	(417) 942-2451
Gilbert's Mobile Service Inc.	(478) 607-0911	Rollo Insurance	(417) 345-7214
Habitat for Humanity Dallas Co. Affiliate	(417) 345-5086	Rotary Club of Buffalo	(417) 848-3486
Healthmarkets Insurance Agency	(417) 343-3581	Sabbath Sojourn	(816) 872-8239
Heartland Enterprises LLC	(417) 894-3911	Seamless Designs LLC	(417) 861-4155
Hope's Save Haven		Serenity Solutions LLC	
Polk County Hotline	(417) 399-6744	Serenity Storage	(417) 345-0445
Dallas County Hotline	(417) 383-5023	Shewmaker Auto Parts	(417) 345-2256
Hostetler Sales & Contruction	(417) 345-7935	Small town party rental	(417) 209-1157
H&R Block	(417) 345-2226	Soaring Eagle Farms LLC	(417) 887-0167
J Mueller Electric	(417) 383-1756	Southern Fried Kitchen	
Jordan Valley Community Health Center -		Southwest Christian Academy	(417) 327-2746
Buffalo, MO	(417) 851-1575	Southwest Electric Cooperative	800-262-0326
JR Pump Service - Errol Choate	(417) 267-5154	Step Above Property Management LLC	(417) 559-5319
Karla Woods State Farm	(417) 345-7221	Strickland Insurance	(417) 345-2608
Katrina's Flowers	(417) 345-4671	The Bright Beacon	816-442-0221
Kramer Muffler & Auto Repair Inc.	(417) 345-0605	The Durham Company	4175327121
Legal Ink - Estate Planning	(417) 988-7317	Thomas Seroogy, Financial Advisor/Independent	
Liberty Utilities	1-800-206-2300	Representative for Inspire Advisors. LLC	(417) 289-8721
Main Street Realty	(417) 345-4366	Tumbleweed Trading Co.	4177703999
McKowen Family Dental	(417) 865-5017	Woods Supermarket	(417) 345-2612
Moore Veterinary Clinic	(417) 345-6291		
MU Extension - University of Missouri Extension			
Council of Dallas County	(417) 345-7551		
National Psychology Training Consortium	(417) 812-6495		
New Hope Baptist Church	(417) 345-4404		
New to You Thrift Store	(417) 345-8484		
Nimmo Insurance	(417) 345-2103		
NRO	(417) 532-6333		
OakStar Bank	(417) 345-4242		
O'Bannon Bank	(417) 345-2251		
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DALLAS COUNTY 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS



Emergency communications of Dallas County and 911

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Website: www.dallascomo911.us

As a 24/7/365 emergency communications center, Dallas County 911 continues fulfilling its mission and supporting the community through commitment to excellence and keeping pace with technology. As with any other public safety entity in Dallas County, Missouri, the team of Emergency Telecommunicators at the Dallas County 911 Communications Center commit to helping keep the community safe, but are also charged with processing emergency 911 calls, prioritizing non-emergency requests, supporting radio communications, and disseminating vital information to all emergency public safety entities and other mission-critical stakeholders. The team at Dallas County 911 takes pride in the level of professionalism and commitment it's provided to the community for over the last two decades.

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Agriculture

is Dallas County's biggest industry

Dallas County is home to about 58,000 head of beef and dairy cattle, making animal agriculture the county's primary industry. With 217,912 acres devoted to farming, county farmers annually contribute approximately \$47.7 million in agricultural receipts to the economy, according to the Missouri Department of Agriculture.

The county's farming operations include 26,000 beef cows and 1,400 dairy cows. The remainder of the cattle numbers is comprised of calves, bulls and steers. The Dallas County Cattlemen's Association (DCCA) is one of the largest affiliates of the Missouri Cattlemen's Association. Organized in the late 70's by a small group of local cattlemen, the organization has grown over the years to over 150 members who are dedicated to advancing Missouri's beef industry. DCCA has been honored numerous times at the state level for their efforts promoting beef as well as their support of youth and community events. The group holds monthly membership meetings January through May as well as September through November featuring excellent speakers and current topics relevant to the beef industry. DCCA membership is open to anyone interested in the beef industry. For more information contact Lynette Miller at (417) 733-2078.

Most of the county's beef operations are small — running 50 or fewer head. Although few compared to beef numbers, Dallas County's sheep and lamb inventory of approximately 607 represents a growing enterprise, while

hogs stand at 209 head. Goat numbers are larger at 944.

With increasing meat goat numbers in Dallas and surrounding counties, Buffalo Livestock Market has become a leading Missouri goat market, as well as a strong regional cattle outlet. Urbana Livestock Market offers buyers and sellers an optional market in the north end of the county.

In addition to cattle and other animals, Dallas County is home to a large turkey production industry, as well as an expanding organic and nonorganic layer industry, shipping eggs nationwide.

Bred for pleasure-riding, competition, cattle-working and as purebred breeding stock, horses number about 2,602. That figure also includes donkeys and mules.

As average beef herd numbers suggest, most Dallas County farms are relatively small, family operations.

For farmers to grow livestock, they must first become forage producers. Sustaining Dallas County's vital animal agriculture are about 50,000 acres of grass and legume hay. Although much of the county's geography is better suited for permanent grass, many arable acres also have been sown in corn, soybeans and sunflowers in recent years, as well as no-till crops of winter wheat.

Providing expertise and technical assistance to Dallas County farmers as needed are specialists with the University of Missouri Extension Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Dallas County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Dallas County voter information

This Dallas County Courthouse on the square in Buffalo was built in 1868. It burned in March 1955.

Voter Registration

Applicants must present identification, have a physical address in the county and be at least 17 1/2 years old. Applicants may register to vote at the county clerk's office, the Department of Revenue, the Division of Family Services, online at sos.mo.gov/elections/goVoteMissouri/register or by mail, P.O. BOX 436, Buffalo, MO 65622.

Polling Places and Locations

North Benton Township

(inside and outside city limits), O'Bannon Community Center, 315 E. Ramsey St., Buffalo.

South Benton Township

(inside and outside city limits), VFW Hall, 419 S. Locust St., Buffalo.

Grant Township, Louisburg

Lions Club, 269 State Highway 64, Louisburg.

Jackson Township, Southern

Dallas County Fire Station, 322 Red Top Road, Buffalo.

Jasper Township, Windyville

Baptist Church, 1238 State Road K, Windyville.

Lincoln Township (inside

and outside city limits), Urbana City Hall, 110 Main St., Urbana.

Miller Township, Tunas

Christian Church, 686 State Road D, Tunas.

Sherman Township, Tunas

Christian Church, 686 State Road D, Tunas.

Sheridan Township, Fair

Grove Fire Station, 1139 State Road AA, Fair Grove.

Washington Township,

Bethel Community Building, 167 Bethel Road, Long Lane.

Wilson Township, Long Lane

Lions Club, 25 Park Trail, Long Lane.

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Dallas County elected officials

Buffalo Courthouse:

The Dallas County Courthouse was shut down for most of 2024 due to an asbestos infestation, and opened up newly renovated for 2025! This year the courthouse had several upgrades, including new sidewalks and a new flag put on the east side of the building.

Elected Officials and Telephone Numbers

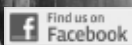
Presiding Commissioner, John Crawford
..... (417) 345-2632; Annex
North Commissioner, Roger Bradley
..... (417) 345-2632; Annex
South Commissioner, Kirby Vest (417) 345-2632; Annex
County Clerk, Missy Darnell (417) 345-2632; Annex
Collector, Amy Faulkner (417) 345-7836; Annex
Treasurer, Stephanie Hendricks (417) 345-2020; Annex
Assessor, Shelly Jasper (417) 345-8774; Annex
Public Administrator, Carol Johnson
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Welcome to Dallas County Schools

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Situated in central Missouri, the Dallas County R-1 School District serves Dallas County and portions of Laclede and Polk counties, covering over 379 square miles. The district educates approximately 1,650 students and is the largest employer in the area, with 288 staff members. Proudly known as the home of the Bison, the district is dedicated to providing quality education and fostering opportunities for student growth and achievement. With a robust educational structure that includes an early childhood center, elementary school, middle school, high school, and a technical center in Buffalo, the district ensures comprehensive learning opportunities for all students.

Early Childhood Programs: Building Foundations

The Dallas County R-1 School District places a strong emphasis on supporting the needs of families and the community from birth to kindergarten through a variety of early childhood programs. These include Parents as Teachers, which offers home visits and resources to help parents guide their child's development, and Early Childhood Special Education, which provides tailored support for children with special needs. The district also offers pre-school programs designed to prepare young learners for success in kindergarten.

Additionally, The Bison Daycare provides high-quality childcare for children as young as six weeks old, operating Monday through Friday from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. This service ensures that working parents have access to dependable and nurturing care for their children, reinforcing the district's commitment to supporting families and fostering early development within the community.

Outstanding Schools with Exceptional Ratios

D.A. Mallory Elementary School (K-4) offers a supportive learning environment with programs designed to meet the diverse needs of its students. The school provides special education services, gifted programs, and Title I support to ensure every child has the opportunity to succeed.

Buffalo Prairie Middle School (5-8) delivers a comprehensive educational experience with a wide range of academic and extracurricular programs. The school also offers after-school educational opportunities to further support student learning and engagement.



Buffalo High School (9-12) is committed to preparing students for success after graduation by providing a well-rounded education that combines academic excellence with real-world readiness. Through career education, dual credit and advanced placement courses, and a wide range of extracurricular activities, students have opportunities to explore their interests and develop their potential.

Dallas County Technical Center: Preparing for the Future

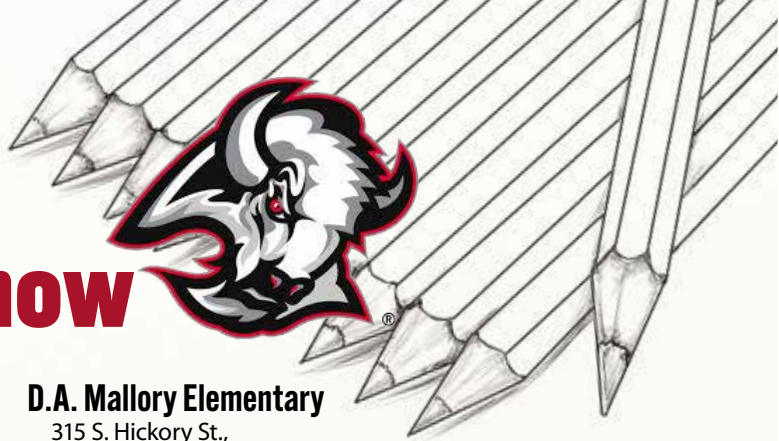
Located on the Buffalo High School campus, the Dallas County Technical Center (DCTC) plays a vital role in equipping students in grades 9-12 with the skills and real-world experience needed for success in higher education and the workforce. Serving six area school districts, DCTC offers ten diverse career and technical education programs, including automotive technology, welding, cybersecurity, and health sciences. These programs provide students with opportunities to earn industry certifications and college credits, ensuring they graduate with valuable credentials and practical experience. By emphasizing hands-on learning and career readiness, the center prepares students to meet the demands of an ever-changing job market and empowers them to excel in their chosen paths.

A Community-Focused Approach

The district prides itself on fostering strong relationships with parents and the broader community. Recognizing the vital role of community involvement, Dallas County Schools regularly engage stakeholders in initiatives to enhance academic programming and overall school improvement. Whether through volunteering, attending school events, or participating in advisory groups, community members are integral to the district's success.



School stats & numbers to know



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Total District-wide Enrollment - 1656

Buffalo High School - 467
Buffalo Prairie Middle School - 491
Mallory Elementary - 590
Early Childhood - 108
Dallas County Technical Center - 374

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Urbana students attend Skyline

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Total enrollment 725

Hickory County R-1 Schools, locally known as Skyline, are located just across the county line, and 40 percent of the students are from Dallas County. Dallas County students from Urbana and some from Tunas attend the school.

The school district has earned performance with Distinction status from the state of Missouri for 10 consecutive years.

The elementary school has received the National Blue Ribbon award as well as the Missouri Gold Star award in 2009 and 2019. In December 2014 it was one of only two elementary schools in the state selected by the Missouri Department of Education as a nationally recognized Title 1 School. The middle school won the blue ribbon and gold star in 2021.

Residents have continually supported the school district's plans to improve facilities. In November 2009, voters approved a five-year bond extension to construct a multipurpose room/gymnasium, track, elementary library and agricultural shop.

The high school, middle school and elementary school are all located on the same campus, between Urbana and Preston on



U.S. 65, approximately 20 miles north of Buffalo. Board of Education

Hickory County R-1 (Skyline) School Board members include the following: Brian Wright, Emil Edwards, Chris Anderson, Jason Lewis, Brett Harrison, Shane Stokes, and Corey Bryan.

The school board meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month in the high school library.

Southern students attend Fair Grove



Fair Grove is 14 miles north of Springfield. Over 60 percent of the community's residents travel to the Springfield area to work while living and raising their families in this small, rural community. There are 529 households with 1,393 residents within the Fair Grove 3.2-square-mile city limits; yet, the Fair Gove "community" spreads across 82 square miles and four counties (Greene, Dallas, Polk and Webster), adding up to more than 11,000 residents living in more than 4,300 homes across the Fair Gove R-10 School District*.

Fair Grove residents pride themselves on the heritage of the community and support of the Fair Grove school system.

**Source: point2homes.com/US/Neighborhood/MO/Greene-County/Fair-Grove-R-10-School-District-Demographics.html*

Fair Grove R-10 School District

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Extension 2001

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Kayce Knaup

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The board of education meets at 7 p.m. the third Wednesday of the month. The public is invited to attend.

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Deposit and service charge for residential owners and non-owners is \$150, plus a \$5 service charge.

Utility bills are mailed out at the end of the month and are due in full by the 10th. If residents do not receive their bills, they need to contact City Hall. Penalties of 10 percent of delinquent balance are assessed after the 10th of the month. If the bill is not paid by the 24th of the month, the services will be disconnected on the next business day. There is a \$30 service charge assessed any time service is disconnected. Failure to receive a bill or other notice will not relieve residents of the service charge.

Trash is collected once a week. Put all bagged trash in the provided trash bin and have the trash bin at the curb the night before to ensure collection. If trash is not picked up, please notify City Hall so that they can notify the trash company. Weeds and grass clippings cannot be put in the trash bin along with any other item that is banned from the landfill.

Only four dogs and/or cats are allowed per household. A city license is required for animals age 3 months or older. Residents must have proof of current rabies vaccination. It is against city code to allow an animal to run loose off of owner's property. Dog/cat licenses must be renewed annually by June 1.

City Hall hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays.

- Liberty Electric is the electric provider. Call (800) 206-2300.
- Brightspeed provides local phone service. To set up a residential account, call (800) 201-4099.
- Fidelity Communications is the cable company for Buffalo, (844) 826-9238.
- Buffalo Recycling Center and Pound is on the west side of north U.S. 65. Hours for the Recycling Center are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. For more information, call City Hall.

The recycling drop-off center is for all Dallas County residents and businesses.

Preparation and acceptance:

- Cardboard: dry and clean, corrugated and flattened, including brown grocery and feed bags. No wax-coated or plastic-lined bags.
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- Newspaper
- Magazines
- Mixed paper: bagged or boxed — all types of office and home papers including junk mail, envelopes, manilla folders, etc. No cellophane windows, carbon or fax paper or glue-bound pads.
- Hardback books
- Soft-cover books — school workbooks, catalogs, phone books, manuals, etc.
- Aluminum drink cans and scrap aluminum cans: cat food cans, Vienna sausage cans, etc.
- Scrap aluminum: foil, pie pans, miscellaneous aluminum.
- Tin cans: Anything that contained food or drink must be washed.

No oil, chemicals, pesticides, or anti-freeze containers will be accepted. Only clean recyclables will be accepted.

The recycling staff has the right to reject any items brought in if they think it could contaminate the recyclables.

Missouri License Bureau has moved to 1350 S. Ash St. Suite C. Business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday; last Saturday of the month, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Telephone is (417) 345-2334.

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County library

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Library Card

Patrons need two forms of identification to obtain a library card, photo identification or a non-driver's license with photo and proof of current mailing address. Youth 17 years of age and younger must have a parent or guardian's signature. Out-of-county resident yearly fee is \$10. Replacement cards are \$4 each. Library cards are required to use computers or to check out material. Non-card holders or visitors must provide ID and sign Policy to use public computers, charge is \$1.

Materials

The library has print material, E-Books, audio (CD's) e-audio books, magazines, e-magazines, and video. Loan period time for print material, audio books and magazines is two weeks with one renewal allowed. Videos, one week with no renewals.



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are now available for download to computers, smartphones, iPods, MP3s or e-book readers. You can stream movies to your device as well. A valid Dallas County Library card is required.

Interlibrary loans

Material can be borrowed from or loaned to other libraries within the United States free of charge if delivered by courier system.

Print material or microfilm is available for genealogy research.

Services

Fax machine — \$1 per page to send; 15 cents per page to receive.

Photocopies — 15 cents per page for letter and legal sizes; 25 cents double sided; 20 cents per page for 11 by 17.

Website

Website includes information, new book list, children's website with links for fun and homework, reference links for local, state and federal information sites, income tax form links, and recreational and education website links. Also available are the following: databases; online software and computer tutorials; magazine and e-book databases; Learning Express — sample tests, ACT, SAT. Visit the library on Facebook.

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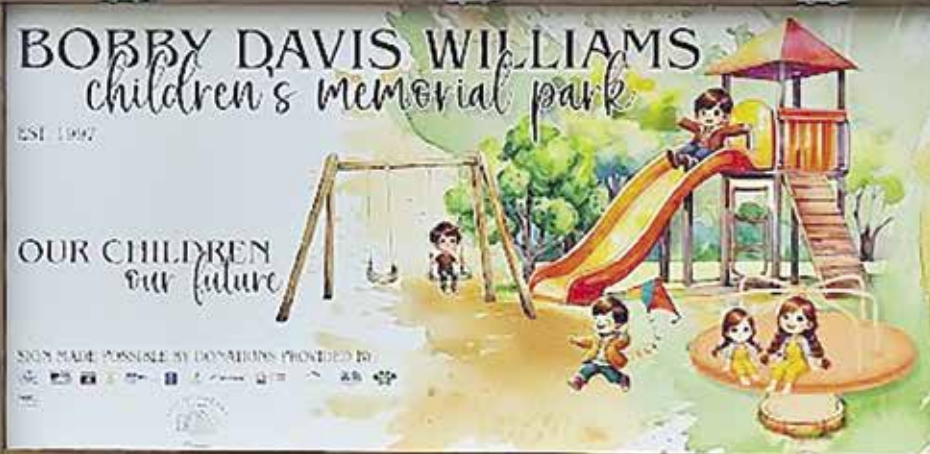
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Urbana is county's second-largest town

Urbana, with nearly 400 residents, is the second-largest city in Dallas County. It is conveniently located 14 miles north of Buffalo on U.S. 65. The city has several churches, a bank, a family medical center, a Dollar General store, three restaurants, an antique flea market, a livestock sale barn, a farm supply store, convenience store, plumbing company, an auto body shop, a rest home/group home, a hair salon, three auto repair shops, a trucking company, a truck repair shop, a car wash and a nice park, a gym, seasonal camel rides, among other amenities.

The Ozarks Community Health Center's new Urbana Medical/Behavioral Health Center opened in January 2022, at the southern city limits on U.S. Hwy. 65. The new 8,200-square-foot building more than doubled the space provided at the previous location on Main Street. OCHC now has a new pharmacy in house.

The Dallas County Speedway is located about 2.5 miles south of Urbana on U.S. 65. Another half mile to the south is the Urbana Saddle Club Arena.

Students from Urbana attend the Hickory County R-1 School District, otherwise known as Skyline.

Urbana City Officials

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Urban sponsors four annual events:

- Easter Egg Hunt - generally on a Saturday a week or two before Easter
- Party in the Park - Featuring Fireworks, generally the week before the Pomme de Terre lake fireworks
- Monster Mash Trunk or Treat - On Halloween from 5-7 p.m.
- Urbana Christmas Parade and Bazaar - First Saturday in December

Long Lane

has trail rides, rodeos, music

Long Lane, a community about 12 miles east of Buffalo on Mo. 32, features a tremendously

active Lions Club that sponsors many events and festivals throughout the year. Also featured are various rodeos.

A new convenience store has opened in Long Lane called Johnny's Store.

The Long Lane Lions Club building is available to rent for events. Rental is \$100.



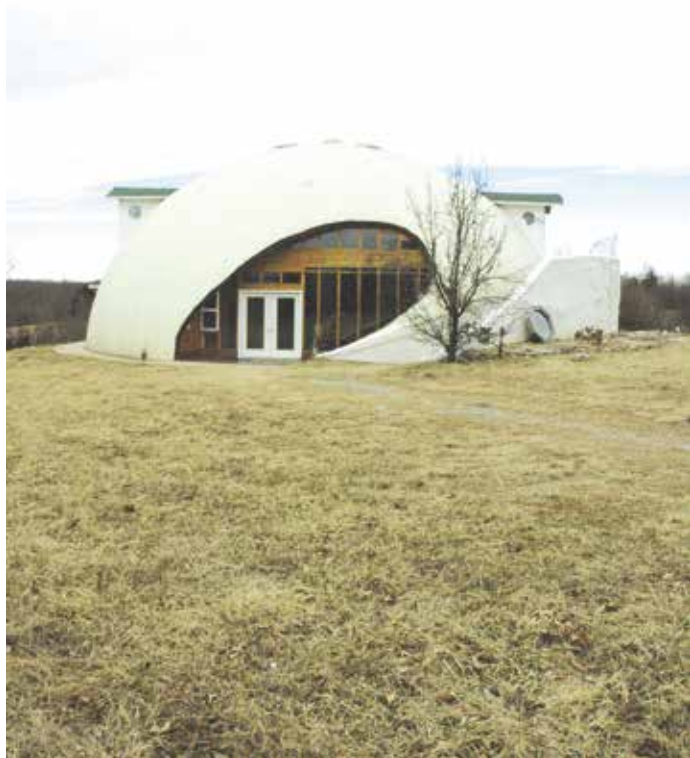
School of Metaphysics located in Windyville

The world headquarters for the School of Metaphysics is near Windyville in Dallas County. Metaphysics is a study of the mind, and the school has been teaching people to use their minds more effectively for more than four decades.

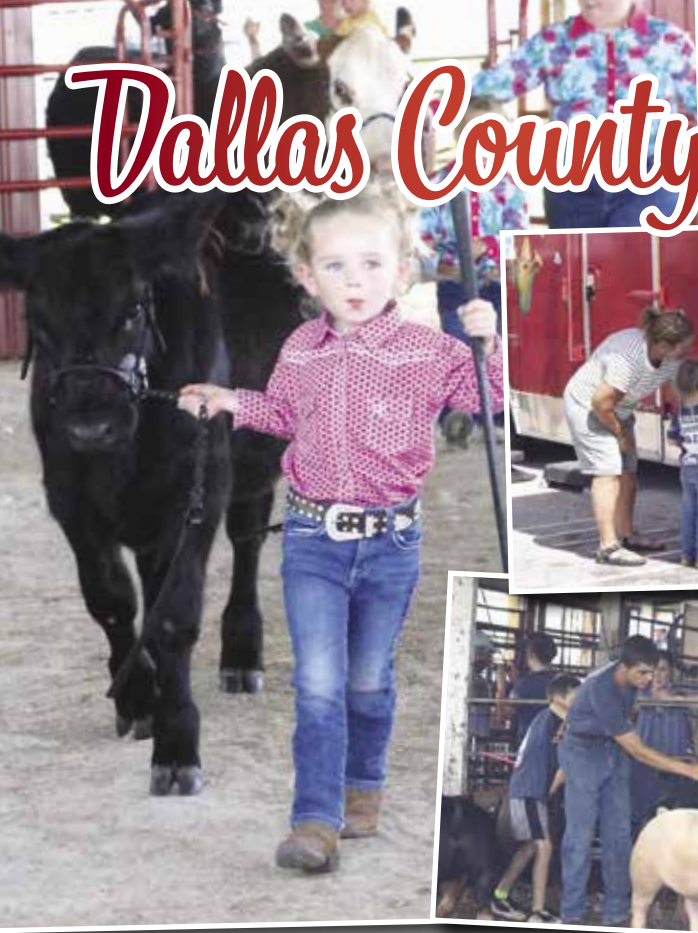
The School of Metaphysics headquarters, also known as the College of Metaphysics, houses residents who are pursuing advanced certificates.

The Peace Dome, a tornado-proof structure, is located on the campus; plays and classes are held inside. Students study meditation, dreams, health and other disciplines.

For further information call (417) 345-8411 or go online to the website at som.org.



Dallas County Fair



One of the most anticipated events in the area is the Dallas County Fair, which takes place the last weekend in June at the fairgrounds in Buffalo City Park. A long tradition continues with youth livestock shows, including youth dairy cattle, beef cattle, horse, rabbit and poultry shows.

Other features during the past few years have been tractor, mini rod and horse pulls. Awards are presented for outstanding arts and crafts that are displayed during the fair at the O'Bannon Community Center.

In recent years, a new livestock building and new restrooms have been added to the fairgrounds.

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Louisburg Picnic

is big drawing card

The village of Louisburg has the simplest form of government because of its status as a village. A council meets every first Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. in the Lions Club building on Mo. 64. The public always is welcome.

The village provides water and trash service, and fire protection. The fire department also has a first-responder group. The water is under the jurisdiction of USDA and is tested each month and sent to a lab for further testing.

Dallas County Technical Center, which brings in several school buses from Buffalo

and surrounding areas three times a day, is in Louisburg.

The Louisburg Lions Club hosts the Old Settlers Reunion, known as the Louisburg Picnic, which has been held in July of every year for more than 100 years. This event draws thousands of people from surrounding communities and states back to the village. They bring their families with them to greet old friends and family.

Bands play each night at the bandstand, and dancing is encouraged. The picnic is known for its fish sandwiches and ice cream. A carnival and lots of games keep the children occupied





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Dallas County hosts Southwest Missouri

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The Southwest Missouri Celtic Heritage Festival and Highland Games is held annually the Friday and Saturday following Labor Day at the fairgrounds at Buffalo City Park. Clans, families, organizations and individuals come from several states to celebrate their Scottish heritage with food, games, music and more.

The event includes a golf tournament, the Calling of the Clans, music and the Highland games. These games feature events such as the Braemar throw and various hammer throws. Several world records have been broken during the Celtic Festival. Also, national points are gained at the Festival's Highland games.

The festival is sponsored by the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce.



Historical Society is great source of county history

They say you can't understand the present or future unless you are knowledgeable about the past, and much knowledge can be gained at the Dallas County Historical Society and Museum.

The museum is at the Buffalo Head Prairie Historical Park, 1107 S. Ash in Buffalo, one block south of the junction of U.S. 65 and Mo. 32.

At the park, people will find the Stearns Cabin, Eberhart Cabin, Crescent School, a caboose, old equipment display and the museum. The museum has many displays pertaining to Dallas County, and admission is free.

The Jacobsen Library, a genealogical and historical research library, is housed inside the museum. It is free to the public.

The main purpose of the library is to help people research Dallas County history, but there are research aids for other Missouri counties and other states in which many of the settlers in this area previously lived. The historical society regularly adds research materials to the collection.

These records can be found in books and on microfilm. They include probate files, marriage records, census schedules, early court records, cemetery data, old pictures, and church and school records.

There is also a notebook for each city, town or settlement in the county. A copy machine is available. The society has several books for sale on Dallas County history and genealogy.

The library is open for research from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month and the third Saturday of the months of March through

November when a program is also provided. The historical society has received a collection from the old H. H. Scott Windyville Store, which includes items that would have been

for sale in the store many years ago, a store porch bench, and a store sign. There is also memorabilia from the family, including quilts.

Research has been done on the weaving loom. It is called a Rocker Beater Loom. It has been stated by several people who are familiar with old looms as being the same type loom as Daniel Boone's family took from Pennsylvania to North Carolina. With time families moved on west and the looms were part of the household that went with them. The historical society does not know where the loom came from before it was in Dallas County which was about 60 years ago. It has been estimated as 200-250 years old.. Some repair work was needed and now it works very good and is used to make rugs at the museum. Visitors are welcome to try their hand at weaving.

Meetings, which include historical speakers and programs, are at 1 p.m. during the open houses in March through November, on the third Saturday of each month.

The December meeting will be the second Saturday of the month.

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Dallas County in its 185th year

Submitted by Linda Crawford,
Dallas County Historical Society

The area that is now known as Dallas County was originally Niangua County formed in 1841 from the eastern half of Polk County. In the late 1830s residents of the area began asking for their own county. Bolivar was the county seat of Polk County, and it was a great distance to go there to take care of official business.

A number of settlers had already purchased land from the land office in Springfield in the eastern half of Polk County.

The 1837 Tax List of Polk County shows names of a number of men who after 1840 were residents of the new county. Old tax receipts show that Martin Randleman paid taxes as early as 1829.

The area would have been Crawford County at that time, and early records from that county show many of the same names as in Polk and Dallas counties a few years later.

William G. Marlin served as Polk County's first state representative. He resided in the far southeast corner of the county. He was followed in that position by Robert E. Acok of Brighton. Acok promised the settlers that if he were elected in 1840 he would see that they would get their own county. Acok won the election, and true to his word he began proceedings to start the new county. In 1841 Niangua County was formed with Buffalo as the new county seat.

The name Niangua was confusing to pronounce and



spell, so in 1844 the name was changed to Dallas after the vice president of the United States.

In 1855 a small amount of land was taken off the southeastern corner of the county to go to Webster County.

The county contains 339,200 acres of land and is very diverse in its geography, ranging from prairie to hills and heavily wooded areas. It abounds with springs and streams. Big Niangua, Little Niangua and Pomme de Terre are the three largest streams.

Most early county records were destroyed by a number of courthouse fires during the Civil War, but the original plat book did survive.

By the time settlers arrived, most of the Indians had been moved on to the south and west. They did return for a number of years to their burial grounds for ceremonial rites and were accused in several cases of marauding and horse thievery.

More families came from Tennessee than any other state. The 1850 census shows that 20 states and Ireland were represented among the early settlers.



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YMCA – a place to exercise and socialize



The Dallas County Area YMCA was founded in April of 2009 and began operating out of the First Baptist Church gymnasium in September of that year.

The YMCA has fully equipped cardio and weight area, a basketball court, group exercise classes offered during the day and evenings, Childcare, multiple youth and family programming options as well as free child care while you work out in the evenings.

The Y has something for everyone. Group Exercise Classes: Yoga, Zumba, Cycling, Silver Sneakers, Lunch-n-Learns, Personal Training, Birthday Party Rentals, Homeschool PE and Family Fun Nights are just a sampling of the exciting offerings at the Y. We can't forget Pickleball! This fun activity will surely be one you will enjoy! In addition to all of these classes, recently added is Dodgeball, Gymnastics, Adult Co-Ed Volleyball.

At the Y we are committed to the community we serve through special events such as the Turkey Day 5k and the Annual Chili Cookoff. These special events help provide much needed financial assistance so that no individual is turned away for their inability to pay.

The Group Exercise schedule has a variety of classes for all. Regularly scheduled classes include, Silver Sneakers, Zumba, Restorative Yoga, Tai Chi, Healthy Hustle and so many more! All of the Group Exercise classes are FREE with your membership!

Wondering what to do with your little ones while you go to a Group Exercise class? The Y has FREE childcare

for those with Family Memberships! Kids Zone hours will vary throughout the year based on needs of our members. You can even access any of the YMCA facilities in the Ozarks Regional YMCA Association as well as Y's that participate in the Nationwide reciprocal membership.

The 2024 hours at the Y are: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 5:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday 5:30a-6:00p and Saturday from 7:00 a.m.-11:00a.m. Membership rates are: Adult \$42, Family \$60, Single Adult Family \$57, Adult Couple \$57, Youth \$20 Young Adult (18-24) \$28, Senior \$31, Senior Couple \$39. We do honor Renew Active and Silversneakers insurance benefits for membership.

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Buffalo Parks

A nine-hole disc golf course is available at the Buffalo City Park. The baskets are spread across the hilly park and have a small enough footprint to not disrupt other park events. The Dallas County Community Park offers sports fields, a playground and equipment, a skateboard park and a portion of the Green Way Walking Trail.

Buffalo City Pool

Buffalo's swimming pool on Ramsey Street near the fairgrounds and Buffalo City Park is open from June through August. The pool was totally renovated in 2019 complete with handicap access steps and an HC lift chair. Season passes and group parties are available.



The cages are located at 1032 Autoscope Drive. Call 417-345-7512 or email strike3cages@gmail.com for further information.

Dream Valley Golf Course

This golf course offers a full 18-hole regulation length par 72 course. All golfers are welcome to stop by on 90 Golf Course Rd., 7 days a week, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

You can contact 417-345-4653 or dreamvalleygolf@gmail.com for more information.

Dragons Den Dojo

The dojo holds karate classes at 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights. Guests are welcome to stop by and visit or you can also call 816-316-9573 or 816-504-7714. The Dragons Den Dojo is located at 1048 W Blaine, Suite 102, in Buffalo.

Twin Crescent Drive-In

Locally owned, drive in movie theatre located at 1648 S. Ash St. Contact the drive in at twincrestdrivein@gmail.com. To see what movies are playing or for additional information go to <https://twincrest.com/>.

Dance Sensations

Dance Sensations teaches a variety of dance including: ballet, tap, jazz, tumbling, hip hop, contemporary, pointe, etc. It is located at 116 W. Franklin St. and is open on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:45 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The studio offers classes to ages 3 and up. Additional information can be found on the studios website at <https://dancesensations.net/>.

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Dallas County *loves* its veterans

There are four vet organizations in the county

Dallas County strongly supports its military veterans, and there are four veterans organizations — American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars; along with their auxiliaries.

Every November on a Saturday near Veterans Day, the Dallas County Sheriff's Posse sponsors a Veterans Day parade in downtown Buffalo. The area school districts, including Dallas County R-1 (Buffalo), Fair Grove and Hickory County R-1 (Skyline), all have assembly programs honoring veterans.

In 2013, a Veterans Memorial Wall was completed on the Dallas County Courthouse property with bricks honoring individual veterans.

VFW Post 4080

by Jim Osborn

VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 4080 continues to be recognized as one of the top 50 VFW Posts in the United States. For the past four years they have been recognized as both an All State and an All American Post. They are proud to have been active in Buffalo continuously for the past 78 years and are one of the very few VFW Posts that have been active for so long.

They actively participate in the Patriots Pen Essay and Voice of Democracy Speech contest with the area school systems, as well as electing a Teacher of the year for supporting civic and patriotic education.

VFW Post 4080 is active with the School District with participation in the annual Veterans Day Program. We have a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Veterans Wall each year as well as participation in the Veterans Day Parade.



Each year the group sponsors a Youth Livestock Class at the County Fair. The Post Veterans Service Officer is normally available to assist Veterans and their families at events like the County Fair, Louisburg Picnic and other local events such as swap meets.

Several members are active with other community organizations like Habitat for Humanity, School Board, Chamber of commerce, and Cattlemen's Association and in activities like the annual community Thanksgiving dinner and Pancakes with Santa.

We at the VFW would like to thank Buffalo and Dallas county for the continued fantastic support to give to Veterans and our families.

Meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at VFW Post, 419 S. Locust St. Buffalo



4-H offers great opportunities for Dallas County youth

The University of Missouri Extension provides expertise in agriculture, business and community development, youth and family development, and health, wellness and nutrition. Our resources include research-based programming, classes, webinars and publications. Our faculty and staff throughout the state provide unbiased expert consultations. Call the MU Extension center in this county to explore how we can partner with you to strengthen our community.

Examples of programming include 4-H, pesticide applicator training, bee-keeping, food preservation, health classes such as managing diabetes, cooking classes, and ag and livestock topics just to name a few.

Rebecca Doehring is the Youth Program Associate for Dallas County and Velynda Cameron is the 4-H Youth Development Specialist serving in Dallas, Hickory and Polk counties.



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Buffalo Livestock Sale Barn	276 Mo. Hwy 32, Buffalo	(417) 345-8122
Buffalo Food Mart	102 W. Dallas St., Buffalo	
BullsEye (Buffalo)	101 N. Ash, Buffalo	(417) 345-1090
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HipPocket Pizza	1132 S. Ash, Buffalo	(417) 345-8649
Johnny's Store	1658 Hwy. 32, Long Lane.	(417) 345-2362
Larry's Sporting Goods	25976 MO-64 ALT, Lebanon	(417) 532-8678
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MJ's Soda Shoppe	118 S Cedar, Buffalo	(417) 410-8069
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Montgomery Senior Center	303 N. Maple, Buffalo	(417) 345-8277
Mr. Ed's	3192 U.S. 65, Urbana	(417) 993-0095
Niangua River Oasis (NRO)	171 NRO Rd., Lebanon	(417) 532-6333
One Eyed Willy's	372 Corkery Rd., Lebanon	(417) 993-2628
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Ozarks Winds Bakery	502 Rt. E, Tunas	
PXP Package Store	819 Red Top Rd., Buffalo	(417) 759-2248
Plad Pantry	1571 Mo. 64, Tunas	(417) 532-0073
Riverfront Campground	13 Riverfront Tr., Lebanon	(417) 727-0853
Shrocks Meat Market	27 Wildlife Rd., Buffalo	(417) 345-1105
Signal Food Store	610 S. Ash, Buffalo	(417) 345-4632
Simply Sinful Cakeballs	Buffalo	(417) 777-1187
Sonic.....	805 S. Ash, Buffalo	(417) 345-6556
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Dallas County is a Holly Jolly Community



Each year in December, the Buffalo Christmas Parade is held. Many floats, vintage automobiles, civic organizations and animals are featured in the parade. Awards are given to winning parade entries in various categories.

The downtown square in Buffalo is decorated annually with holiday lights, displays and trees.

On the first Friday in November, Buffalo hosts the annual Holiday Open House event. Dozens of businesses across the town are open to the public on that night to highlight their products and services. Many businesses offer door prizes and refreshments, as well.

The Holiday Open House event allows area residents an opportunity to “shop Local” at many locations on one night.

Two new events that took place in 2024 and are planned to happen again in 2025 were the Side X Side Light Parade fundraiser and the Market 116 sponsored Cookie Crawl.

In addition, there is a holiday decorating contest for local businesses in December sponsored by the Buffalo Downtown Association.



Buffalo is in the **top 10 safest towns** for senior living in Missouri

Local Residential Care Facilities



Colonial Springs Healthcare Center

Colonial Springs Healthcare Center in Buffalo is a 134-bed skilled nursing center that includes a 50-bed memory care unit. This unit meets the specific needs of people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

The facility offers inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation services and independent living apartments for seniors. Colonial Springs Senior Living Community gives full independence with the convenience of help nearby. Residents can take part in daily activities at Colonial Springs.

Short-term rehab and long-term stays

Colonial Springs provides short-term rehabilitation and long-term stays.

Inpatient short-term rehabilitation is for individuals needing 24-hour skilled nursing care or therapy before going home after a hospital stay. Physical, occupational and speech therapy are available as ordered by a physician.

During short-term rehabilitation, a resident gains confidence and strength to stay active and return to prior living arrangements. The length of stay depends on several factors, including the resident's therapy progress and insurance company approval.

This type of care is sometimes called "transitional care." It is available at all six CMH skilled nursing fa-

cilities, including Colonial Springs.

Long-term stays are more appropriate for individuals needing routine help. Patients with memory issues or dementia may require long-term stays. The Memory Care Unit is a safe and cozy environment with features to ensure everyone feels secure.

Activities

Planning and research go into the daily planned activities. Residents enjoy a variety of activities to foster a sense of purpose. Activities include special luncheons, bingo, musical entertainment, a game room, arts and crafts, hands-on gardening, spiritual opportunities and much more.

Recent updates at Colonial Springs include:

- A new game room
- A new bistro in the community room
- A veterans' wall
- Room remodels
- And more

Continuity of care

Colonial Springs is owned and operated by the Citizens Memorial Health Care Foundation in Bolivar. As part of the fully integrated healthcare system that includes Citizens Memorial Hospital and Clinics, residents benefit from easy access to a full range of medical services, including an in-house practitioner five days a week.

With the online CMH Patient Portal, family members can access critical details of the resident's stay at Colonial Springs and across the CMH system. Family members stay informed with access to medication lists, medical reports and results, the resident's care team and more.

Quality and value

Colonial Springs is committed to providing quality care to all residents. The facility received the Bronze – Commitment to Quality Award from the American Healthcare Association/National Center for Assisted Living for meeting quality and service standards.

Compassionate care by an exceptional health care team, quality care and affordable cost makes Colonial Springs a remarkable value.

Colonial Springs feels like home. Call 417-345-2228 to schedule your tour today!



Pine Lodge Residential Care

Pine Lodge Residential Care is a 22-bed facility located here at 967 Maple St. in Buffalo. Their goal is to help the elderly maintain the highest quality of independent life as possible. They are a 24-hour facility, providing room and board, meals, housekeeping, medication management, nursing and social activities. They strive to keep a homelike environment, allowing each resident to create their new home just as they wish. They accept private pay, some VA, LTC insurance, etc. Feel free to call or stop by the facility anytime; they are here to serve the community! Call Chelsey at 417-3450-0310 today!



Buffalo Prairie Care Center

Buffalo Prairie Care Center, located at 631 West Main Street in Buffalo, Missouri, is a leading health-care facility providing a wide range of services. Buffalo Prairie strives to be the best center for rehabilitation and healthcare. Here at Buffalo Prairie, we are committed to delivering exceptional care and support to individuals in need. The dedicated team at Buffalo

Prairie Care Center strives to create a nurturing and comfortable environment for residents, offering specialized care tailored to each person's unique requirements. With a focus on promoting well-being and independence, the center aims to enhance the lives of those under its care.

Services provided by Buffalo Prairie Care Center include but are not limited to:

- Skilled nursing care
- Rehabilitation services
 - Physical Therapy
 - Occupational Therapy
 - Speech Therapy
- Long-term care
- Medicare-certified services
- Nursing home care

Contact the facility at 417-345-5422.



Bristol Manor

Bristol Manor is located at 1002 Birch St. in Buffalo, Missouri, and offers residential care and senior living. Services provided are adult day watch, nutritious meal, private rooms and bathrooms, and numerous activities. Our residential care communities provide health care services for Missouri Seniors including comfortable private rooms with private bath, meal services, housekeeping, laundry services, medication administration, activities, and certified staff 24 hours a day. For senior living, our professional staff are here to serve our community neighbors. When you choose to live at Bristol Manor, you become a member of our community family. You'll see that we treat our community family, well, like family! To learn more information visit the Bristol Manor website at <https://www.bristol-manor.com/>. Contact us today at 417-345-5500.



Montgomery Senior Center

The Montgomery Senior Center, at 303 N. Maple St. in Buffalo, is a project of the SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging. It is federally and state-funded, but clients also make contributions for services they receive. Those dollars go back into the programs.

Although located in Buffalo, the Montgomery Senior Center is for all people in Dallas County who are 60 years of age and older. A home-cooked meal is provided five days a week from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The meal comes with a drink, dessert and roll. The center also provides home-delivered meals for those who are not able to attend the center.

The center care coordinator conducts an in-home assessment for homebound clients who need senior age in home meals every day. Services from Homemaker Plus and respite services are also available.

The kitchen staff provides well-rounded nutritional meals five days a week.

Senior Age staff pride themselves on maintaining a balance between professional support to seniors and a fun and enjoyable social environment. Periodically

guest speakers will present on a specific topic of interest. For 2026, the senior center is working on an outreach program to help local seniors with quality of life needs.

The center has partnered with Calvary Chapel and Grace Community Church, as well as looking for other local churches to be location points for this outreach program.

SeniorAge Area Agency on Aging is an advocate on all senior services and can answer any questions or concerns.

Montgomery Senior Center also owns the Engles Senior Thrift Shop located in the town's square on S. Maple St.

The center has classes throughout the week:

Every Monday: Bingo, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

Every Tuesday: Exercise 9 - 10 a.m., painting noon - 2 p.m.

Every Wednesday: Play pool

Every Thursday: Exercise, 9 - 10 a.m.

Every Friday: Bingo, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

There is a lot of fun and fellowship at the center.

Fundraising events are held throughout the year.



Stay *Healthy*, Dallas County

2025 marks the first year that The Dallas County Health Department served the community out of their new facility. The Health Department was established by a vote of Dallas County residents in 1953. The votes approved a 10 cent mill tax that is still in effect today. The original building is located at 1011 W. Main St. in Buffalo and was built in 1961. Services provided include:

Nursing Services

- Blood Pressure Checks
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- Shape Up Dallas County
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The Health Department is located on W. Main St., on the other side of Cantlon-Otterness & Viets Funeral Home. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. through 4:30 p.m. Contact the department at 417-345-2332.



Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber Ambassador Committee is designed to represent the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce and support the Mission of the Chamber. Chamber Ambassadors help promote general membership services and enhance goodwill for the Buffalo Area Chamber of Commerce and its members in the community.

Members of the Chamber Ambassador Committee serve as the Chamber's public relations team by supporting Chamber functions and are very active and visible within the Chamber and the business community. Ambassadors will also serve as a link between The Chamber board, staff, and the general membership. Membership in the Chamber Ambassadors Club is open to all Chamber members.

Annual Chamber Events include:

*Student Leadership Breakfast & Senior
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The current members of the Chamber Ambassador Committee:



Laura Coots-Holland,
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The monthly membership meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.
Check website for details.

Outdoor opportunities abound



Conservation Agents

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Dallas County lends itself to a diverse combination of hunting and fishing opportunities. The county has approximately 82 miles of the Nian-gua River, as well as smaller creeks and streams such as Greasy Creek, Lindley Creek and Dousinbury Creek. They offer fishing opportunities that include great smallmouth bass fishing, trout and goggle-eye, as well as great sunfish fishing in the smaller creeks and streams.

Alfred Newton Gossett Conservation Area

A 671-acre area located near Windyville. Offers deer, turkey, squirrel and rabbit hunting opportunities. Access to the Niangua River along K Highway for fishing.

Barclay Spring Conservation Area

Good hunting for deer, turkey, rabbit and squirrel is available. Fishing is good for trout, smallmouth and

goggle-eye. A boat and canoe launch is available.

Bennett Spring Access

The access has good fishing for trout, smallmouth, and goggle-eye. It also offers bow hunting opportunities. A boat ramp and canoe launch area are available.

Big John Conservation Area

Big John is three miles east of Buffalo. Fishing is good for smallmouth and goggle-eye.

Charity Conservation Area

The access is located east of Charity. Hunting and fishing access is available with good rabbit, squirrel, deer and turkey hunting. Fishing for smallmouth is good. A boat ramp is available.

Goose Creek Conservation Area

Goose Creek is on the Dallas and Laclede County line. Hunting only is allowed. Deer, turkey and squirrel

hunting are good.

Lead Mine Conservation Area

The largest and most diverse area the Conservation Department has in Dallas County. Lead Mine has almost 8,000 acres of land with good deer, turkey, rabbit and squirrel hunting, as well as hiking and horseback riding trails. The area offers several accesses to the Nian-gua River with two boat ramps. There is also an unstaffed shooting range. This is the only Conservation Department area in Dallas County that allows camping (in designated areas only).

Moon Valley Conservation Area

Moon Valley offers good fishing for smallmouth and a boat launch area is provided for gigging and floating opportunities.

Williams Ford Conservation Area

Williams Ford offers good fishing for smallmouth and goggle-eye.

Bennett Spring

is big outdoors draw

Nestled in a narrow valley in the Missouri Ozarks, Bennett Spring State Park offers fishing, camping, hiking, canoeing and other outdoors activities for the whole family.

A short drive from Buffalo, the 3,200-acre park is on the Niangua River, a premier Ozarks fishing and recreational floating stream, and is bisected by a spring branch, which is one of the state's foremost trout fisheries.

The fourth-largest spring in the state, Bennett Spring boils out of an underwater cave at the rate of 100 million gallons a day. On the Dallas and Laclede counties line, the Bennett Spring area was first settled in the mid-19th century.

Arriving from Illinois with his wife and two children in 1837, James Brice subsequently homesteaded 480 acres and built the first grist mill on the spring branch in 1842.

The community around the mill was originally known as Brice. Several other mills followed, but none stand today.

The state first introduced trout into the spring in 1900, and in 1923 a private fish hatchery was built.

In 1925 the state bought the spring and 984 acres from the Bennett family, creating Bennett Spring State Park. Today the Missouri Department of Conservation operates the hatchery and stocks the stream daily. One of four trout parks managed by the Missouri Department of Conservation, Bennett Spring is visited by thousands of anglers annually, starting with the traditional opening-day throng on March 1 and

Opening day of trout season, March 1, at Bennett Spring State Park.



continuing through Oct. 1.

Catch-and-release fishing also is allowed during the winter months. A daily fishing permit is required, as well as a valid Missouri fishing permit.

Operated today by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Bennett Spring State Park is more than a destination for trout fishing enthusiasts. In addition to fishing in the spring branch and Niangua River, the park offers swimming in the park pool, canoeing on the Niangua (arranged through the park office or any one of several private river outfitters), hiking trails and shaded picnic areas with restrooms and shelter buildings convenient to the parking areas.

Though the park has seen numerous improvements in its nine decades, it also retains a rustic charm with its vintage

hatchery building, dining lodge and arched stone bridge built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s.

Visitors are welcome to tour the trout hatchery and rearing pools, enjoy a meal in the 1930s dining lodge, visit the nature center and extend their stays with accommodations in the park or nearby campgrounds.



Dallas County home to vibrant arts community

The Buffalo Downtown Association organizes the Buffalo Art Walk each year in the spring. Dozens of artists display their creations, including paintings, pottery, wood carvings, jewelry, crafts and other handmade items.

Hundreds of people turned out for the 2019 Buffalo Art Walk in May. The event also features food vendors, music and children's activities. The 2020 Art Walk was postponed to the following year because of the coronavirus pandemic.

Several murals around Buffalo showcase a variety of subjects and talents.

At the Shewmaker Performing Arts Center at Buffalo High School, seven murals highlight six classes — visual art, vocal music, instrumental music, performing arts, language arts and foreign language — as well as the namesake of the performing arts center, Jack Shewmaker. Retired high school art teacher Lori Paro painted the murals on a small scale, and then they were enlarged by computer generation. The original small-scale paintings hang inside the performing arts center.

A mural inside the former Engles Memorial Senior Center building, which is now a thrift store that helps support the Montgomery Senior Center, depicts what Dallas County might have looked like in the 1930s and 1940s. The mural was completed by Susan Owensby in January 2014.

Large murals also can be seen on the south side of the former Missouri Farm Bureau building on Maple Street, the AMVETS building on Ash Street and the Bison Acres Marketplace building on Ash Street.



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Dallas Countians have a long tradition of being generous when it comes to medical causes and helping those in need.

The Dallas County Food Pantry, located at Prairie Chapel United Methodist Church near Urbana, is across from Skyline High School. To contact this facility, call (417) 993-4403.

Neighbors in Need distributes food at Calvary Chapel in Buffalo on the third Tuesday of every month. The church is located at 26 Oak Ridge Road. "We distribute to approximately 300 households," said Martha Hamilton, the Co-Manager of Neighbors in Need. "We have lots of little towns like Long Lane, Louisburg, and Charity. We service a lot of rural areas."

Temporary help including the Home Energy Assistance Program for financially distressed county residents can be obtained at the Buffalo Neighborhood Center, a branch of Ozarks Area Community Action Corp. (OACAC). Telephone (417) 345-7964 for more information.

Another major effort to help others is the annual Dallas County Toys for Tots promotion, in which Christmas toys are



purchased for children in need. This includes a "toy run," featuring several hundred bikers and riders bringing about \$3,000 worth of toys to the DAV building on a Sunday afternoon in November. Also a program called Shop with a Cop is sponsored by local law enforcement and fire and rescue members. First Side by Side Parade was a Success

The first Side by Side (SXS) parade and toy run held in Buffalo was a huge success. The event was dedicated to supporting the OACAC Cancer Support Program, Toys for Tots, The Food

Pantry, and local nursing homes. There were a total of 35 entries. It it hoped the SXS Cruise will continue as a yearly event.

Another group, the Dallas County Emergency Recovery Unit, chainsaws in hand, are available to remove debris and branches from houses and driveways following tornadoes, ice storms or other disasters. The DCERU, along with the Mennonite Emergency Relief organization, has traveled to other states to help in emergencies, including Mississippi, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Many rural residents must pay for fire protection

Many people who live in rural areas of Dallas County believe their fire protection is included in their taxes, but for the most part that is not true. In most rural areas, residents must pay an annual membership fee to receive such protection.

Exceptions to the rule are the Southern Dallas County Fire Protection District, Elkland Fire District, Fair Grove Fire District, Urbana City Fire District and the Bennett Spring Fire Protection District, which are funded by tax revenue.

The Mennonite Community has Prairie Grove Fire Department who assists with many local fires.

Needless to say, rural residents are urged to purchase a membership because otherwise they are in danger of not having fire protection.

Belonging to a fire protection district is inexpensive. Call your area fire department for annual membership fees.



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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

BRANCH ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Mo. 73, one mile north of Branch. (573) 363-5234. Pastor Isaiah Benedict. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; children's church and worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, kids/youth and Bible study, 6 p.m.

BUFFALO FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD

U.S. 65 and Mill Street, 417-345-6487. Rev. Tim Wright. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 10:45 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study.

FAIR GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

255 W. Cherry. Eric White, pastor, 417-759-2220. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; service, 10:40 a.m., including children's church, and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, adult Bible study, youth, and children's program, 7 p.m.

PEACE CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

9260 N. Farm Road 183, Fair Grove, 417-759-2945. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, adult Bible study and youth and children's services, 6:30 p.m.

PLEASANT HOPE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

5636 Route H. Rev. Fred Pritchett, pastor, 417-467-3332. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., including children's church, and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study and youth meeting, 7 p.m.

BAPTIST

BAILEY CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST

Two miles east of Mo. 64 and Route K. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship 11 a.m.

BASS CHAPEL

Mo. 125 between Fair Grove and Strafford. Pastor Russell Roderick, 417-736-2401. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:20 a.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m. Nursery, youth and children activities provided.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO

Mo. 32 and Locust. 417-345-7123. Wayne Slusser, pastor. Sunday school 9:30 a.m.; worship and children's church, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday. AWANA (ages 3-sixth grade) and teen youth group, 7 to 8:15 p.m. Wednesday; adult Bible study, 7 p.m. Transportation provided in town. Handicap accessible. Nursery available. www.BibleBaptistOfBuffalo.org.

BRIGHTON BAPTIST CHURCH

5449 Hwy. K, Brighton. Pastor Michael Summers, 417-756-2402. Sunday morning breakfast, 9:20 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, youth and service, 6 p.m.

CALVARY CHAPEL

26 Oak Ridge Road, Buffalo. 417-345-6418. Mark Elliott, lead pastor; Brandon Mankey, executive pastor. Sunday

school, 10 a.m.; worship, 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study for all ages and Adventure Club for preschoolers and children, 7 p.m.

CEDAR BLUFF BAPTIST CHURCH

8505 E. State Highway E, Fair Grove. Pastor Butch Harris, 417-422-5208. Sunday school, 9 a.m.; worship, 10:15 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m. Wednesday fellowship meal at 6 p.m. followed by worship and family activities.

CEDAR RIDGE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Route P, three miles north of Long Lane. Pastor Shane Shockley. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday, youth meeting and worship, 7 p.m. Handicap accessible.

CHARITY MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Off Route M, at Charity. Pastor Koda Smithey. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; preaching, 11 a.m.; preaching 6 p.m. the first and third Sunday.

CHERRY GROVE BAPTIST

Four miles north of Mo. 64 and 73. Pastor John Stewart. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY SOUTHERN BAPTIST

4686 E. State Highway CC, Fair Grove. Pastor Dustin Lair, 417-689-1547. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

FAIR GROVE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

220 S. Main, one block south of the Mill; 417-759-2760. The Rev. Dr. Mark Conn. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m.; Bible study, Sunday and Wednesday, 6 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO

1006 W. Main. Southern Baptist. 417-345-7210. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting, Children in Action, Mission Friends, 7 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF URBANA

Sunday school at 9:45 a.m.; Worship Sunday Mornings at 11 a.m.; Wednesday Evening Children's program at 4 p.m. with bible study, crafts, or recreation and dinner served at 5:30 p.m. The Youth Group will eat dinner at 5:30 p.m. then go to Bible Study and Recreation; the adults will also eat at 5:30 followed by Devotion and prayer; Senior pastor Dale Brown; Associate/youth pastor Brad Benedict.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MACKS CREEK

12972 U.S. 54, Macks Creek. Pastor Lyle Mankey, (573) 363-5300. Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship services, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, AWANA, 6 p.m., youth, and adult Bible study, 7 p.m.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST

653 E. Main, Buffalo. 417-345-7452 or 417-993-4970. Pastor Brad Duff. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.



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GREEN MOUNTAIN MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Two miles east of Charity on Route M. Pastor Thomas Clemmons. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

HARMONY SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Phillipsburg on Route B. Pastor John Cook. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

HOPEWELL FREE WILL BAPTIST

North of Tunas on Mo. 73. Rev. Tony Butcher, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday Bible study, 7 p.m. First Wednesday, 7 p.m., Women Active for Christ.

LEGACY BAPTIST

1935 S. Ash St., Buffalo. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m. Worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m. Pastor Ron Cannell.

LIBERTY SOUTHERN BAPTIST

One-fourth mile east of Fellows Lake boat dock on Farm Road 66, Fair Grove. Pastor Willis Covington. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

LINDLEY CREEK MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Route P, three miles north of Goodson. Jeff Shelenhamer, pastor. Sunday school and preaching every Sunday morning and evening.

LOUISBURG FIRST BAPTIST

240 State Highway 64. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

MISSION CHAPEL BAPTIST

Two miles south on Mo. 38 just across the Dallas-Webster line. Southern Baptist. Pastor Freddy Brinkley. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Second and fourth Wednesday, 7 p.m., for all ages, Mission Friends, Girls and Boys in Action and Youth Group. Mountain Movers, 6 p.m. the third Friday.

MOUNT COMFORT

2376 E. Farm Road 66 (U.S. 65 to Route KK and Farm Road 66), Springfield. Pastor Tom Dykes, 417-833-3340. Sunday worship, 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible study, 9:30 a.m. Tuesday.

MOUNT OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Three miles east on Route O off U.S. 65 (follow signs). Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Fifth Sunday morning services only.

MOUNT PLEASANT SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Route H, southeast of Buffalo. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 6 p.m.

NORTH MOUNT PLEASANT MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Three miles east of Buffalo on Mo. 32, turn on Route H to Navy Road. Bro. Doyle Mayfield, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday night services, first and fourth Sundays.

NEW HOPE BAPTIST

752 State Hwy. 64, Buffalo. Pastor Robert Baker.

Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Future Hope (ages 4-high school), and prayer and Bible study, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday.

NEW HOPE PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

Mo. 32, three miles east of Long Lane. Pastors, Elder R. Hugh Sears, 417-869-1666, and Elder Herb Cupit, 417-532-7237. Sunday singing, 10:30 a.m., worship, 11 a.m.; the first and third Sunday, morning and afternoon with a lunch; second Sunday, morning only with a lunch.

OLIVE POINT SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Three miles south of Preston behind Skyline School. Pastor Terry Gentry Jr., 417-993-5740. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

PISGAH BAPTIST

Long Lane. Pastor Bill Autry. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 10:50 a.m. Nursery available. Wednesday, Bible study, youth and children, 6:30 p.m.

PLAD SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH

One-half mile east of the fire tower at Mo. 64 and Plad Road. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

PLEASANT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH

580 State Road T, Tunas. Pastor Terry Harris. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, 6 p.m.

PLEASANT RIDGE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Two and one-half miles west of Urbana on Route HH. Rev. Mike Moore. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; preaching, 11 a.m.

PROMISE POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

5214 Charity Road, Elkland. Rev. Clifton Long, 417-345-0353 or 417-733-1790. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, 6:30 p.m.

RED TOP MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Two miles west on Route TT off U.S. 65. Bro. Chuck Brown. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. No fifth Sunday service. Wednesday, Bible study, 7:30 p.m.

REYNOLDS CHAPEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST

Three miles west of Buffalo on Mo. 32, then two miles north. Sunday school, 10 a.m. second and fourth Sundays; 9:30 first and third Sundays; preaching second and fourth Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

SOVEREIGN GRACE BAPTIST MISSION

One-half mile north of Urbana on U.S. 65. Al Schuetz, missionary. 417-993-5666. Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

UNION MOUND BAPTIST

Two miles east of U.S. 65 on Mo. 38 to Greasy Creek Bridge, south on Olive Road to Union Mound Road. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; discipleship, 6 p.m. Wednesday service, 7 p.m.

VICTORY BAPTIST

Thomasville, four miles north of Buffalo on U.S. 65. Independent fundamental KJV. 417-345-2083. Pastor Tim Schroepe. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

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WINDYVILLE BAPTIST

Four miles south of Mo. 64 on Route K. Pastor Aaron Taylor. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

CATHOLIC

ST. WILLIAM CATHOLIC

404 S. Locust, Buffalo. Fr. Simon Enudu, 417-532-4811; st.william.buffalo@gmail.com. Sunday Mass, 11 a.m., Tuesday communion service, 4 p.m., Thursday Mass, 9 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

BUFFALO CHURCH OF CHRIST

Mo. 32 at Hickory. Church, 417-345-8343. Preacher, Austin McCrickard. Sunday Bible study, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible study, 7 p.m.

FAIR GROVE CHURCH OF CHRIST

217 N. Orchard Blvd. Preacher Walter Myers, 417-736-2663. Bible study, 10 a.m.; services, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m.

CHRISTIAN

BUFFALO FIRST CHRISTIAN

502 N. Maple. 417-345-7471. Pastor Larry Starbuck. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship service and children's church, 10:30 a.m.

CHARITY CHRISTIAN

One mile east of Route H and Route M. Pastor Time Case, 417-235-6037. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

ELKLAND CHRISTIAN

3454 State Highway 38. 417-933-2013. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 8:30 a.m. and 11

a.m. Wednesday, potluck dinner, 6:30 p.m.; worship, 7 p.m.

HIGH PRAIRIE CHRISTIAN

569 Red Top Road, Fair Grove. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; church, 10:45 a.m.

LINDLEY CHRISTIAN

Two miles west of U.S. 65 on Lindley Road north of Buffalo. Pastor Rick Peterson, 417-752-3450. Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; fellowship, 10:45 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

LOUISBURG CHRISTIAN

U.S. 65 and Mo. 64. 417-752-1611. Pastor David D. Miller. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 6 p.m.

FAITH CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)

214 N. Pine St. Buffalo. Pastor Jennifer Long. Sunday worship service, 10:30 a.m.

TUNAS CHRISTIAN

Route D just off Mo. 73. Pastor Ken Morris, 417-993-1920; 417-993-4420. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Bible study, 7 p.m. Thursday, Bible study, 10 a.m.

EPISCOPAL

ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

201 S. Killingsworth, Bolivar. Rev. Catherine Cox. 417-777-2233. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., service, 10:30 a.m.

LUTHERAN

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

107 S. Elder St., Buffalo. Family-friendly Bible study, 9 a.m. Sunday. Sunday divine worship, 10 a.m. Pastor Jeff Sippy.

METHODIST

BUFFALO UNITED METHODIST

Pine and Madison. Pastor Rex Warren. Church phone 417-345-7645. Worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10 a.m.

ELKLAND INDEPENDENT

METHODIST CHURCH

Elkland Road, just north of Mo. 38. Pastor Nicholas Inman, 417-241-2091. Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship, 11 a.m. Monday dinner, 4-7 p.m., followed by Bible study. Wednesday Bible study, 3 p.m.

FAIR GROVE UNITED METHODIST

83 E. Hickory Ave. The Rev. Jeff Brann, 417-759-2508. Worship, 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 9-9:45 a.m.; and fellowship coffee, 8:45-10 a.m. Nursery for infants through 4 years from 8:45 to 11 a.m.

GRACE COMMUNITY — FREE METHODIST

1652 S. Ash, Buffalo. 417-345-6777. Pastor Vicki Coons. Worship, 9:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.

PLEASANT HOPE UNITED METHODIST

Cowden Street, downtown Pleasant Hope. Chuck Meppelink, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.

ADDITIONAL CHURCH SERVICES

BENNETT SPRING CHURCH OF GOD

North of dining lodge in Bennett Spring State Park on Mo. 64A. Pastor Matt Stowe. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Bible

study, youth Bible study, Kids Club (grades 1-6), 7 p.m.

BUFFALO CHURCH OF GOD SEVENTH-DAY

One block west of U.S. 65 on Mill Street, then one block south. Saturday services: Bible study, 10:30 a.m.

CHRISTS COMMUNITY

316 State Road MM. 417-345-2472 or 417-345-6008. Pastor Bruce Compton. Worship, 10 a.m. with potluck after each service.

CHURCH GROVE CHAPEL

105 Red Top Road. Paul Cofer, 417-777-1872, Jim Foresee, 417-838-0467. Sunday worship, 11 a.m.

DALLAS COUNTY COMMUNITY

Five miles north of Mo. 32 on Route K. Pastor Ervin Friend, 417-345-1701. Sunday Bible class, 10 a.m.; worship, 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. First Sunday sing, 6 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP OF FAITH CHURCH HOUSE OF PRAYER

North of Urbana on U.S. 65, east side. Nondenominational. Pastors James and Cindy Horn, 417-993-1140. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday; noon Wednesday; stream prayer from Prayer Mountain of the Ozarks. Prayer, 9 a.m. Tuesday; Bible study, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday; men's Bible study, 7:30 a.m. Friday.

FLATWOODS BIBLE

Route OO, east on Mo. 32 from Buffalo. Nondenominational. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.



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NEW BEGINNINGS APOSTOLIC CHURCH

42 New Hope Road (former New Hope Baptist Church building), Buffalo. Pastor Randy Sapp, (573) 433-9441; Sandi Sapp, (573) 433-1825. Church service, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday; 7 p.m. Wednesday

PLAD MENNONITE

Mo. 64. Sunday worship, 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., the second and fourth Sunday. Prayer service, 7:30 p.m., the second and fourth Wednesday.

PRAIRIE CHAPEL

Five miles north of Urbana on U.S. 65. Pastor

Jeff Cole, 417-993-4403. Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; refreshments and hospitality, 10 to 10:30 a.m.; worship services, 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible study and youth group, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, fellowship beforehand. Nursery available.

RIVER OF LIFE

One mile north of Buffalo on Mo. 73. Nondenominational. Sunday worship, 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday, 7 p.m. Saturday, 6 p.m.

ROLLING HILLS INNERLIFE MINISTRIES

Nondenominational, seven miles north of Macks Creek off Route N, to

Coffee Hollow Road, to Greenridge Drive (follow signs). Carl and Fonda Bentsch, pastors, (573) 347-2962. Sunday worship, 10 a.m. Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

SHADY GROVE WESLEYAN NAZARENE CHURCH

2353 Route EE, Elkland. Pastor David Comfort, 417-576-5127. Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship service, 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.; youth and children's service, 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.

THE CHIEF CORNERSTONE

Pentecostal. Five miles south of Buffalo on South Ash. 318-335-5885. Pastor Dave Hilton.

Sunday school, 10 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday service, 7 p.m.

THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS

1551 E. Mount Gilead Road, Bolivar, 417-777-5969. Bishop Bradly Reisner, Buffalo Ward, Sunday sacrament, 11:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:10 a.m.; Bishop Jason Pulsipher, Bolivar Ward, Sunday sacrament, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 11:40 a.m.

THE LORD'S HOUSE OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

1050 W. Blaine, Buffalo. Sunday school, 10:30 a.m.; services, 11 a.m.

Dallas County has a private Christian school

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Our Approach is that learning is not a team sport. The single most important aspect of early education is the acquiring of good study habits. Without such habits, the academic life and mental achievements of the student will eventually hit an artificial ceiling far below his inherent ability—a ceiling that will probably remain impenetrable for the remainder of the student's life.

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Mennonites

make major contribution to county

There are three distinct Mennonite communities in Dallas County, the largest and oldest located near Buffalo.

The county's first Amish-Mennonite community was established southwest of Buffalo beginning in 1964 with the arrival of 30 families from Illinois. Since then the community has grown to include 152 families and more than 800 individuals involved primarily in agricultural and construction enterprises.

Most of the Amish-Mennonite families of the Buffalo-Halfway area are involved in cattle and turkey production, as well as hay crops and some commercial wildlife. These families are taxpaying members of the greater Dallas County community but school their own children through the eighth grade at Prairie Grove Mennonite School.

At Lead Mine, in the northeast part of the county, is an Old Order "horse and buggy" Mennonite community with a variety of businesses serving the public. Those include bulk foods, dry goods and general mercantiles, as well as skilled furniture makers and other craftspeople. They also are engaged in farming and building trades.

The most recent addition to the Mennonite community is a group of six families that has settled and established a church in Plad. Both the Lead Mine and Plad Mennonite communities also operate private schools.



Dallas County Clubs & Organizations

4-H Groups

Dallas County 4-H
youth program associate
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Eagles Club Long Lane

Leader: Cindy Anglen
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3 p.m. on second or third
Sunday at 211 Cave
Creek Rd.
Phillipsburg, Mo.

American Legion Post 19

Jim Henry, post
commander
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on third Tuesday of each
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210 S. Ash St., Buffalo

American Red Cross

Springfield office
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11 a.m. third Thursday of
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Dallas County Shrine Club

Matt Kramer
(417) 345-0605

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Dawn Decker,
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(417) 886-1188,
(800) 676-7245

Disabled American Veterans Chapter 62

Kenneth Wickman
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(417) 345-4035

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1100 N. Maple,
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Montgomery Senior Center

(417) 345-8277
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Buffalo

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(417) 993-5780
Eagles Lodge
Louisburg

Girl Scouts Regional Office

(417) 862-0004

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Leave a message
85 State Highway 64,
Louisburg

Missouri Right to Life Buffalo Chapter

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University of Missouri Extension

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